

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

**Routine Proceedings, pages S12743–S12834**

**Measures Introduced:** Eleven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2852–2862, and S. Res. 373. **Pages S12804–05**

**Measures Reported:**

S. 574, to enhance citizen access to Government information and services by establishing that Government documents issued to the public must be written clearly, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 111–102)

S. 1288, to authorize appropriations for grants to the States participating in the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–103)

Report to accompany S. 1261, to repeal title II of the REAL ID Act of 2005 and amend title II of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to better protect the security, confidentiality, and integrity of personally identifiable information collected by States when issuing driver's licenses and identification documents. (S. Rept. No. 111–104) **Page S12804**

**Measures Considered:**

**Service Members Home Ownership Tax Act—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3590, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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**Pending:**

Reid Amendment No. 2786, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S12745**

Dorgan Modified Amendment No. 2793 (to Amendment No. 2786), to provide for the importation of prescription drugs. **Pages S12745, S12753–99**

Crapo motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. **Page S12745**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, December 10, 2009, that following Leader remarks the time until

1 p.m., be for debate only and equally divided, with the time until 11 a.m. controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees; with the remaining time until 1 p.m. controlled in alternating 30-minute blocks of time with the Majority controlling the first block and the Republicans controlling the next block. **Page S12833**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Patricia A. Hoffman, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability).

Larry Persily, of Alaska, to be Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects for the term prescribed by law.

Mari Carmen Aponte, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador.

Donald E. Booth, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.

10 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army, Coast Guard, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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**Nomination Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

A routine list in the Coast Guard. **Page S12834**

**Messages from the House:** **Pages S12803–04**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S12804**

**Enrolled Bills Presented:** **Page S12804**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:19 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 10, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12833.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### CREATING JOBS DURING RECESSION

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine creating jobs in the recession, after receiving testimony from Ray Leach, JumpStart Inc., Cleveland, Ohio; Rick L. Weddle, Research Triangle Park, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina; and Bruce Katz, Brookings Institution, and Heather Boushey, Center for American Progress, both of Washington, D.C.

### RESEARCH PARKS AND JOB CREATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine research parks and job creation, focusing on innovation through cooperation, after receiving testimony from John R. Fernandez, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development Administration; Charles W. Wessner, National Research Council of the National Academies, Washington, D.C.; Brian Darmody, University of Maryland, College Park, on behalf of the Association of University Research Parks; Anthony Townsend, Institute for the Future, Palo Alto, California; and Jonathan Sallet, Centreville, Maryland.

### EXPORTS' ROLE IN ECONOMIC RECOVERY

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness concluded a hearing to examine exports' role in economic recovery, after receiving testimony from Senators Klobuchar and LeMieux; Rochelle Lipsitz, Deputy Director General, Foreign Commercial Service, Department of Commerce; Alexandre Mas, Chief Economist, Department of Labor; Loren Yager, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; Howard Rosen, Peterson Institute for International Economics, Washington, D.C.; Bob Beisner, SolarWorld Industries America, Hillsboro, Oregon; and Tamara Harney, HMI Worldwide, Grandville, Michigan.

### NEW AFGHANISTAN STRATEGY

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the new Afghanistan strategy, focusing on the view from the ground, after receiving testimony from General David H. Petraeus, Commander, United States Central Command; and Karl Eikenberry, Ambassador to Afghanistan, and Jacob J. Lew, Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources, both of the Department of State.

### STRENGTHENING THE TRANSATLANTIC ECONOMY

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded a hearing to examine strengthening the transatlantic economy, after receiving testimony from Robert D. Hormats, Under Secretary of State for Economic, Energy and Agricultural Affairs; Frances G. Burwell, Atlantic Council, and Michael Maibach, European-American Business Council, both of Washington, D.C.; and Charlie Howland, Warwick Mills, Inc., New Ipswich, New Hampshire.

### INTELLIGENCE REFORM AND TERRORIST PREVENTION ACT

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine five years after the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act, focusing on stopping terrorist travel, after receiving testimony from Rand Beers, Under Secretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate, and David Heyman, Assistant Secretary of Policy, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Janice L. Jacobs, Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs, Bureau of Consular Affairs; and Timothy J. Healy, Director, Terrorist Screening Center, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

### DIPLOMATIC SECURITY TODAY

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine the diplomat's shield, focusing on diplomatic security today, operating domestic and international activities with adequate staff, providing security for facilities that do not meet all security standards, staffing foreign missions with officials who have appropriate language skills, operating programs with experienced staff, at the commensurate grade levels, and balancing security needs with State's need to conduct its diplomatic mission, after receiving testimony from Eric J. Boswell, Assistant Secretary of State for Diplomatic Security, Director, Office of Foreign Missions; Jess T. Ford, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; and Ronald E. Neumann, American Academy of Diplomacy, and Susan Rockwell Johnson, American Foreign Service Association, both of Washington, D.C.

### UTAH DINEH CORPORATION

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1690, to amend the Act of